

**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

February 7, 2008

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair
Kenneth Frumkin, MD
Erwin Fender, PA-C

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Rev. Leonard Lovett, PhD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director/Recording
Secretary
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VAPA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Houle called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Houle announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 4, 2007

Mr. Fender moved to approve the minutes dated October 4, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Frumkin moved to accept with addition of discussion of status of NOIRA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and explained the Report of the 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08.

2. Senate Bill Number 693-Supervision of Physician Assistants/Discussion of NOIRA

Ms. Yeatts presented Senate Bill No. 693. She explained that this bill would change the law regarding PA's ability to establish a final diagnosis. Ms. Yeatts raised a concern regarding the new language of "supervising health care provider" instead of "supervising physician, or podiatrist". Mr. Falkenstein stated that he would look into making that change. The NOIRA for proposed regulatory action to revise 18VAC85-50-110, "Responsibility of a physician supervisor" was reviewed. A discussion followed, and the Advisory Board recommended by affirmation to support the NOIRA and forward to the full Board.

3. 2008 Board Meeting and Informal Conference Dates

No action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 5, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fender moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

~~Pamela Bailey, P.A.-C, Chair~~
Diana Houle, P.A.-C, Vice-Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Ola Powers, Recording Secretary